

How did conquest help the growth of Songhai?

Ghana: Fact
Ghana reached its height in 1060 and fell in 1200.

Gold for Salt: Fact
They traded using “silent barter”

Ancient Africa
They used waterways and camels to move goods.

How did storytellers maintain oral history?




Ibn Battuta: Fact
He went on a religious journey to many different places.



How did Ghana control trade?

Silent Barter
Silent barter is a way of trading where the traders don’t really meet each other. Instead, they leave the salt or anything on the bank of the shore. Then they would leave. The others would come with their gold. If they accepted the trade, they would beat their drum and leave their goods.
Silent barter kept the traders from exposing where the gold mines were. Also, it keeps the traders from getting beat up or killed if there is a problem.
This reminds me of my dad selling stuff on Craigslist. He can text the other person instead of meeting with them face to face to agree on a price.

Empires of Ghana/Mali: Fact
Both empires used trade and taxes to build armies and gain power.


Mansa Musa
Musa visited the city of Mecca. He brought gold with him and made his empire very wealthy. He also brought attention to West Africa and spread the Muslim religion. He reminds me of President Obama. He is like the US “king.”

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Timbuktu: Fact
Became a center for Islamic learning.

Oral History
Oral history is a record of a people’s history that has been passed down from generation to generation by speaking to the public. A griot was a story teller in West Africa which would keep the record of a town’s oral history and be able to retell it.
Griots were important because African history had laws and they were able to keep peace. They also didn’t have a lot of people who could write down their history so they had to speak it.
A modern day example of an oral traditions would be my parents. They always tell me stuff about my family. My great Uncle Jim was a pilot in WWII. He was captured by

Mansa Musa: Fact
He made a pilgrimage to Mecca in 1324.



Mali: Fact
Sundiata was the first emperor of Mali.



How did Sundiata build up the Mali Empire?